











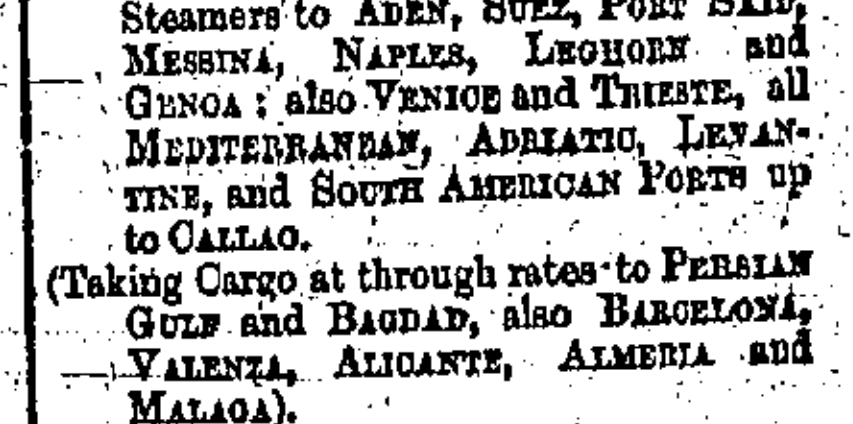


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STEAM FOR BOMBAY,  
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THE Steamship  
CAPRI.  
Captain BELSITO, will be despatched as  
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At BOMBAY the steamer is discharging in  
VICTORIA DOCK.  
For further particulars regarding Freight  
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Hongkong, June 8, 1900. 1167

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**THE** Steamship **SALAZIE,**  
 Captain: AIRLAND, will be despatched for  
**MARSEILLES** on **TUESDAY, the 12**  
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Passage Tickets and through Bills  
Lading issued for above ports, and  
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 30, 1906. 11

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**ZAIDA,**  
Captain A. M. RAIT, will be despatched  
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**DIRECT** via COLOMBO, on SATUR-  
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contents and value of all packages  
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E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent  
Hongkong, June 2, 1906.

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embarrassed. But then that changed to a creepy feeling again, and I thought I'd try the counting again. I don't know how many hours or weeks it was that I lay there counting hard. But the moonlight crept up that white arm and it showed me a dead face and a terrible wound over the heart.

"I could scarcely say that I was terrified, or anything like that. But somehow his eyes interested me so that I was right out of the window. I didn't need the ash. But it seemed easier to take it than leave it behind.

"Now, let that teach you a lesson—I don't know just what it is. But at 70 years old I find that memory of peculiar value to me. I have been unconsciously guided by it all these years. Things that seem pigeon holed and remote are a perpetual influence.

"Yes, you're taught in so many ways. And you're so feebly taught when you don't know it.

THE NEW BOOTS AND THE GIRL.

"Here's something else that taught me a good deal.

"When I was 17 I was very bashful, and a sixteen-year-old girl came to stay a week with us. She was a peach, and I was seized with a happiness not of this world.

"One evening my mother suggested that I should entertain her. I took her to the theatre. I didn't really like it, because I was 17 and sensitive about appearing in the streets with a girl. I couldn't see my way to enjoying my delight in public. But we went.

"I didn't feel very happy. I couldn't seem to keep my mind on the play. I became conscious after a while that was due less to my lovely company than my boots. They were sweet to look upon, as smooth as skin, but fitted ten times as close. I got oblivious to the play and the girl and the other people and everything but my boots until—I hitched one partly off. The sensation was sensuously perfect.

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But the first thing I knew the curtain came down like that, without any notice, and I hadn't any boots on. What's more, they wouldn't go on. I tugged strenuously. And the people in our row got up and fussed and said things until the peach and I simply had to move on.

"We moved—the girl on one arm and the boots under the other.

"We walked home that way, sixteen blocks, with a retinue a mile long. Every time we passed a lamp-post death gripped me at the throat. But we got home—and I had on white socks.

"If I lived to be 999 years old I don't suppose I could ever forget that walk.

"And after telling other equally humorous and interesting stories Mark wound up:—

"I trust," said he, assuming a cautionous tone, "that you will carry away some good thought from these lessons I have given you. And that the memory of them will inspire you to higher things and clove you to planes far above the old and the storm of ignorance that broke out anew."

"And I tell you one thing, young ladies," said he at a moment of calm. "I've had a better time with you to-day than with that peach 63 years ago."

But Mark wasn't through. He hadn't counted on the social game he had to run. For a whole hour (says the New York "World") the amiable gentleman stood in the alcove of Fiske-hall and shook hands with sweet young things who "simply loved Huck Finn" and "went crazy over Puddinghead Wilson" and "just give anything for a sweet young thing like him."

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If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the blood, from whatever cause arising, you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer. It is today more popular than ever, the reason of this being undoubtedly because this wonderful remedy does what it professes to do—IT CURES SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES PERMANENTLY.

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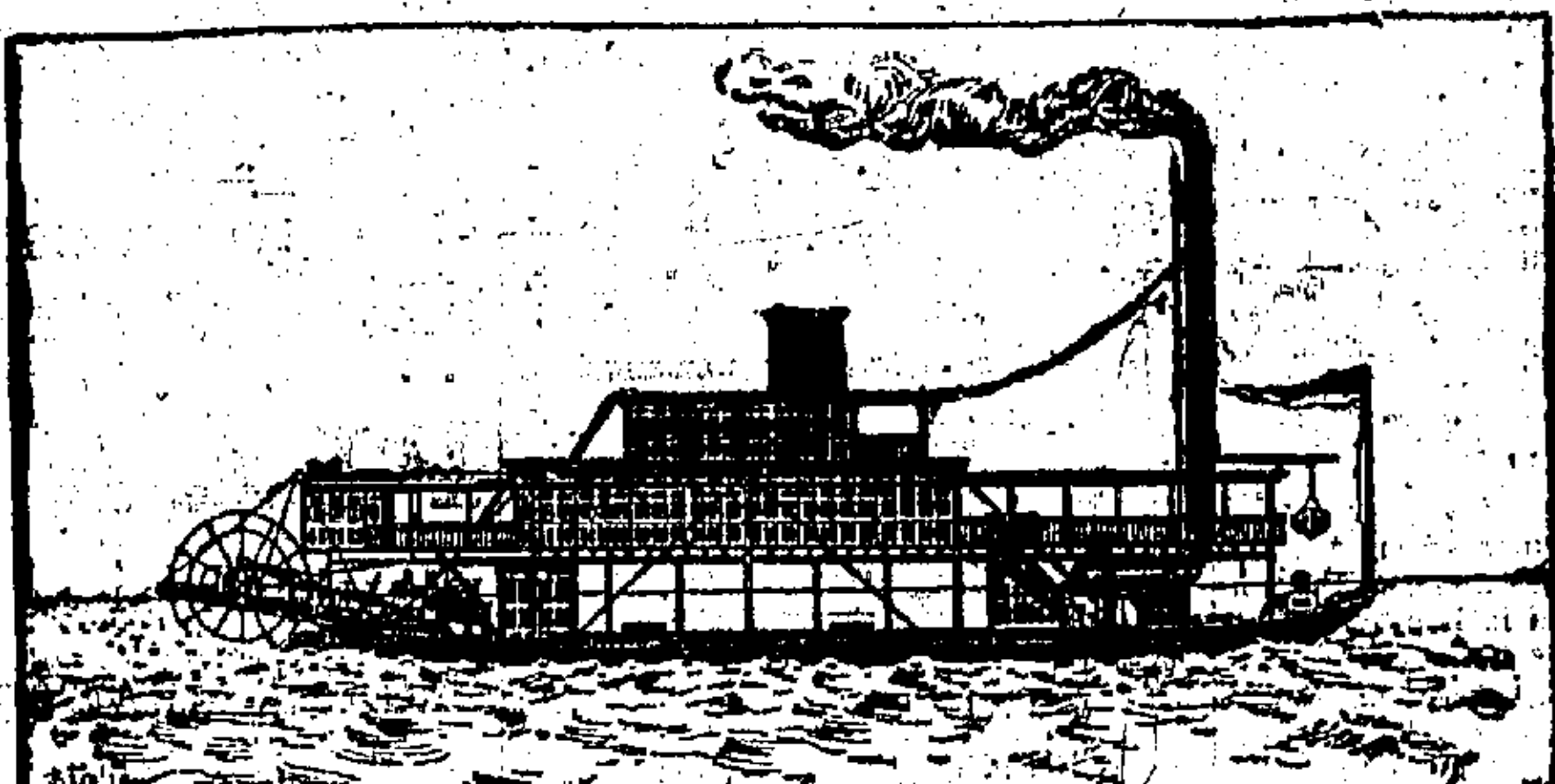
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Admiral.....medium	100	50	2.20
Princess, gold tipped (ladies), small	100	50	2.00
Flor de Oriente, with tubes (ladies), small	100	50	2.00

Military (gold tipped).....medium	100	2.00
Germania.....medium	100	1.80
Paris.....small	100	1.50
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Emperor of China (gold tipped).....medium	100	1.20
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**MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.**

**Auction.**

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

**Miscellaneous.**

Goods per *Prince Waldemar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Zieten* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**General Memoranda.**

THURSDAY, June 14:—

6 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Club in Club House.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

THURSDAY, June 28:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Complete Cement Factory, at Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Premises, Kowloon.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1906.

**THE PLIMSOLL MARK.**

In an article published yesterday we were enabled to give some interesting facts relative to the alteration of the load line on deep sea vessels. For a considerable period of time ship-owners have been endeavouring to secure a revision of the regulations in connection with this matter on the ground that such revision was warranted by the radical changes which have taken place in the construction of ships since the original rules were promulgated. The British Board of Trade, however, was not unnaturally, extremely cautious before making any move which might even seemingly render the peril to those who go down to the sea in ships any the greater. As a fact, of course, the alteration which is now authorised conserves the safety of the vessels and those on board just as effectually as did the former regulations which are associated with the name of Mr Samuel Plimsoll. There is a suggestion that some of the crews of vessels which left Home before the new regulations came into force may raise objection and refuse to continue their service in the vessels if the mark is raised. Upon the legal aspect of the question we prefer to say nothing. But as a matter of expediency and common sense any such action would be the very height of absurdity. The matter has been thoroughly threshed out and it was not until the testimony of the best experts had shown the alteration was manifestly desirable that the Board of Trade made a move. Even if the crews of British vessels which happen to be abroad when information of the alteration is received, succeed in obtaining a judicial decision that such alteration invalidates their contract, in what way do they profit? They might succeed in hanging the vessels up for a time but their next ship would certainly be loaded in accordance with the new rules. It is these senseless exhibitions of a misguided desire to cause trouble which confirm so many people in their view that it is extremely unwise to entrust the less educated classes with any political power. To all appearance the sea lawyers who threaten to take advantage of a legal loophole to annoy the owners are actuated purely and simply by the ambition to cause loss to the men who are paying their wages. There is no question of principle at stake. The new mark is authorised by law and the only point upon which they could claim a decision is one that would never be raised by any self-respecting man. However the stupid opposition of a few ignorant sailors cannot alter the satisfactory fact that the British Board of Trade has at last taken a step which will enable British shipping to compete on fairer terms with that of foreign countries.

In the glorious days of undyspeptic youth little regard is felt for the method of preparation employed in connection with food so long as there is nothing wrong with the quantity. When people arrive at that uncomfortable time of life when they begin to wax fastidious and find that much cajolery is required to achieve any sort of appetite, the days of thick slices of bread smeared deeply with jam or treacle seem doubly dear. The possession of a good cook is, in the decadent latter days, of greater importance than the clash of arms or the falling of dynasties. There is a superstition among most of us that the French are

the best cooks in the world. The Paris correspondent of the *Standard* has, however, sown the germ of a chilling doubt in this connection. An Exhibition Culinaire was recently held in the Tuilleries Gardens at which specimens of the greatest triumphs of the greatest of arts were shown. Commenting upon the exhibition this observant correspondent said that, although much taste is shown in French cooking, the taste is not informed with an artistic, much less a sympathetic or discriminating spirit. He complained that there was too much straining after incongruous effect. Thus on one dinner table there was a stuffed duck with all its feathers on. He overheard two *maitres d'hotel* criticising this effort and one of them held that the idea was inert because the duck's beak was turned towards a dish of *marrows glacés*, which he justly observed a duck would not eat. The other supplemented this criticism by suggesting that the duck ought to have a "nice pair of glass eyes." Most of us will agree with the correspondent that the retention of the feathers is a perfect example of misapplied ambition. The appearance of food of course should be inviting but the proof of the cooking is in the eating.

Finance is something that the average man cannot and does not want to understand. Even his pass-book is looked upon askance and were it not that experience has taught him that even the august persons who honour his cheques with an air of singular patronage sometimes make mistakes he would probably attempt to dodge the ungracious task of ascertaining why his balance is so much less than he thinks it should be. When the currency question comes up most of us feel a strong desire for a change of scene and the man who has a scheme for making twenty cents worth twenty cents is regarded by his friends with something approximating abhorrence. Still, as in this column we are wont to deal mostly with the serious side of life, we feel it is but proper that we should have something to say in regard to the surprising utterances made at the last Legislative Council meeting on this distressing subject. The Colonial Treasurer is reported to have said that the only practical means of re-establishing the value of the British subsidiary coins is to cease for the time to issue such coins and induce the Cantonese authorities to adopt a similar course. This suggests that there is such an immense quantity of British subsidiary coin floating round the Colony that persons afflicted with its possession have to pay a consideration to some kind hearted person to take it from them. We all know that this is not so. The insidious shroff never gives change in island money if he can help it, and at times a British fifty cent piece can only be found among the most treasured possessions of local numismatists. One objection to the Hon. Mr Thomson's suggestion is the absolute absence of any reasonable ground for supposing that the authorities at Canton would agree to cease issuing subsidiary coins when they found that the abstinence of the Hongkong Government therefrom would give them a chance of making a little more profit. The result of the policy which, apparently, the Government has decided to adopt—the safe and cautious and irreproachable policy of doing nothing and doing it strenuously—will be to create a stringency, to artificially nurture a demand for coins of a small denomination. That demand will be met—how? By the observant gentlemen at Canton who will pour out a further deluge of debased coinage which will swamp the British coin entirely. The result will be satisfactory in two directions. The Hongkong Government will pat itself on the back, or hire someone to do it for it, if the operation is too difficult, for its self-denial in not scooping in the seigniorage. And the Canton authorities will feel an equal amount of self satisfaction as they pouch the seigniorage and will pray that the Hongkong Government may often be led by its sensitive conscience to throw such good things in their way. The public will hardly feel so delighted when it has to write a cheque for a postage stamp owing to the absence of any British coin in Hongkong, but after all, the public usually worries through somehow. Anyhow the public does not understand anything about the currency question.

**LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.**

A letter from "Pedestrian" came too late for insertion in to-day's paper.

The German Mail of the 9th May was delivered in London on the 8th June.

Repairs of the Imperial German Mail Steamer "Boon" will be finished at Nagasaki on the 27th inst. and she will be despatched from Hongkong to Europe via usual ports of call on the 11th of July.

The master of a coal junk was fined \$1, at the Magistracy, this morning, for obstructing the Admiralty stone pier. Inspector Smith stated that the space between the stone pier and the bamboo structure close by was completely taken up by launches, lighters, coal boats, etc., and the defendant had run in there for shelter. The Admiralty had complained of the manner in which the pier, which was intended for passengers, was obstructed.

The following selections will be played during dinner at the Kowloon Hotel tomorrow by the Ladies' Vienna Band, under the direction of Mr L. Hackmeier:—"March," "Under the Double Eagle," polka, "Bohemian," E. Waldeufel; waltz, "Blue Danube," Strauss; grand selection, "Trovatore Post-Pouri," Verdi; Hunley Dory Cake Walk, by Abe Holzmann; "The Stars and Stripes" (march), Sousa; "España" (waltz), E. Waldeufel; selection, "The Belle of New York," G. Korkor; "Gavotte," Stephanie; Honey-moon March, G. Rosay. "Good Save the King."

**Meteorological.**

The Meteorological returns for May show that the highest temperature of the month (89.4) was reached on the 21st, and the lowest (66.7) on the 2nd. The total rainfall for the month was 11.56 inches.

**Netherlands Trading Society.**

The local agent of the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij has received telegraphic information that this Bank's dividend for the year 1905 has been declared 16 per cent.

**Institution of Engineers.**

The *Far Eastern Review* for May contains an interesting article on the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hongkong. The article is illustrated, portraits of the following gentlemen being included:—Messrs H. T. Richardson, R.N.R., E. O. Murphy, J. Lambert, B.N.R., V. Watson, W. A. Crane, W. T. Robertson and J. D. Lennox.

**Arts and Crafts Exhibition.**

This Exhibition will take place at the latter end of October next. The Committee held a meeting at the City Hall yesterday and details were arranged to extend the scope of the exhibition to private loan exhibits in addition to articles actually made by the exhibitors themselves. The co-operation of the foreign communities is being arranged for so that the exhibition may be as representative of the Colony as possible.

**The Moving Pictures.**

The cinematograph pictures of the Britt-Nelson fight will be shown at the City Hall to-night and on Monday. A private display was given last night and the result bore out the claims made by the proprietors of the pictures. The pictures are wonderfully clear and distinct and every action can be followed; the usual hazy dazzling effect created by most cinematographs exhibited here is entirely absent. Those who enjoy a boxing contest will certainly be satisfied with the pictures, while others who do not find enjoyment in such exhibitions are afforded an opportunity of witnessing a contest short of the brutal features.

**Trouble About Opium.**

Two Chinese women were charged, at the Magistracy, this morning, with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty. The evidence was that a party of excise officers accompanied by a European constable went to search the defendant's house at Wing Shing Street last night, for opium. The excise officers and a female searcher got up the stairs first and when the constable arrived in the room he found it in an uproar. The women were making great trouble and accused one of the excise officers of having placed some opium (which he declared he had found) on her bed. The constable had to hold the infuriated woman back and in the struggle the opium, which had been handed to him, was lost. The excise officers were searched before going to the place but the female searcher was not. Mr Otto Hong Sing, for the defendants, submitted that what had probably happened was that the female searcher had taken the opium in and handed it to one of the men who placed it in the room as alleged. The defendants had acted in a perfectly natural way in resisting when the officers started to drag them out of their own house. Mr F. A. Hazeland said he was disposed to take a lenient view of the case and fined the defendants \$15 each.

**AN OLD MAXIM APPLIED TO A MODERN REMEDY.**

EVERYONE speaks of the feast as he finds it, is a maxim of the Portuguese. Judging by the letters received from people all over the country, praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, it is evident that this remedy has been found satisfactory. It is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, and no case has yet been reported where it has failed to give relief, and it has been in general use for more than a quarter of a century. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

**BY TELEGRAPH.**

**MANCHURIA.**

**A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.**

Formed in Japan.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 8, 12.20 p.m.

An Imperial Ordinance has been gazetted in Tokyo authorising the formation of a company for the development of Manchuria, under the title of the South Manchuria Company. The company will operate in railways and mines.

Shares will be open for Japanese and Chinese and their respective Governments exclusively.

The Ordinance provides that the Japanese Government is to appoint a Governor and vice-Governor, while the shareholders are to elect the directors and auditors.

The Head Office is to be in Tokyo, and the Japanese Government is commissioned to take control of affairs pending the organisation of the company.

The capital of the new company is to be Yen 150,000,000.

**SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.**

**NEGOTIATIONS OPENED.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

SHANGHAI, June 8.

China has opened negotiations with Great Britain respecting the Shanghai Mixed Court trouble.

It is reported that the latter country maintains that the question of indemnity must be settled before proceeding further with the matter.

China replied that until the Viceroy of Liang Kiang has found sufficient reason to warrant the payment of an indemnity, it is not desired to do anything.

**SHANGHAI CONSERVANCY.**

**WORK TO COMMENCE.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

SHANGHAI, June 8.

An agreement having been signed work in connection with the Conservancy of the Whangpoo is to be commenced forthwith.

[Referring to our previous telegram respecting this matter, Viceroy Choufu, in reply to representations from representatives of foreign Governments, said that negotiations were being made for the employment of engineers and that as soon as the agreement was signed work would be proceeded with.—E.O., C.M.]

The committee appointed to investigate certain complaints regarding the publication of the Market Price List will deliver its report at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

There are numerous complaints from residents regarding the poor supply of gas during the last two nights. Many houses were in total darkness on Thursday night and last night matters were scarcely better owing, we understand, to scrubbing "having gone wrong with the works."

**WEATHER REPORT.**

The following notice is issued by Mr Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 8th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly over S. China and Japan, and fallen a little in N. China.

Pressure is lowest over Manchuria, and highest over N.E. Japan and the China Sea. Moderate and fresh S.W. winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel and light S. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate to light; fair.

**WHOOPIING COUGH.**

THIS is a very dangerous disease unless properly treated. Statistics show that there are more deaths from it than from scarlet fever. All danger may be avoided, however, by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose, and makes the paroxysms of coughing less frequent and less severe. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by all chemists and druggists.



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Steamers	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (Brindisi)	Plymouth
Colombo		Marseilles & London	3 days earlier	1 day later
* DONGOLA .....	June 18	* DONGOLA .....	June 16	June 22
* ARCADIA .....	June 20	* MONGOLIA .....	June 18	June 24
* DELTA .....	June 22	* BRITANNIA .....	June 20	June 26
* DEVANHA .....	June 24	* MOOLTA .....	June 22	June 28
* MOLDAVIA .....	June 26	* MARMORA .....	June 24	June 30
* MALTA .....	June 28	* VICTORIA .....	June 26	June 32
* DELTA .....	June 30	* CHINA .....	June 28	July 4
* OCEANA .....	July 2	* INDIA .....	June 30	July 6
* DONGOLA .....	July 4	* MONGOLIA .....	July 2	July 8
* DEVANHA .....	July 6	* BRITANNIA .....	July 4	July 10
* DELTA .....	July 8	* MOOLTA .....	July 6	July 12

\* The 'Dongola', 'Arcadia' and 'Oceana' proceed through, and take passengers for Marseilles and London without transshipment.

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.

Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:—

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG		Due at LONDON	
	TONNAGE	about	about	
PALAWAN .....	4700	June 20	Aug. 6	1
JAPAN .....	4300	July 18	Sept. 1	6
SARDINIA .....	7000	Augt. 1	Sept. 17	17
NUBIA .....	8000	Augt. 15	Oct. 1	1
SUNDA .....	5600	Augt. 29	Oct. 15	15
JAVA .....	4500	Sept. 12	Oct. 29	29
MANILA .....	4500	Oct. 10	Nov. 28	28
NILE .....	5200	Nov. 7	Dec. 24	24
PALAWAN .....	5000	Nov. 2	Jan. (1907) 7	7
SUMATRA .....	5000	Dec. 5	Jan. (1907) 31	31
SARDINIA .....	7000	Jan. (1907) 2	Feb. 18	18
NAMBE .....	7000	Jan. 16	Mar. 4	4
BORNEO .....	5000	Jan. 30	Mar. 18	18



